GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2001
ADULTERATION IN PETROL
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item Captioned `Adulteration of petrol on the rise`; appearing in The Hindustan Times dated January 18, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken cognizance of the seriousness of the matter and has since taken any action;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints in this regard from other parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the action taken to curb the menace of adulteration in petrol?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.26 FOR REPL
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(a) & (d) : Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (e) : In view of the seriousness of the matter, Government have already made provisions in the various control orders issued, for inspection, seizure and action against violators. The oil companies as per Government instructions carry out periodical inspections and surprise checks at the Retail Outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, the State Governments have also been empowered to take action and they have been suitably advised from time to time by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in this regard.
The checking of oil adulteration is a continuous activity of oil companies. To prevent adulteration enroute from supply points to the retail outlets, the marketing companies have taken various steps like improvement in seals, sealing under the direct supervision of an officer at the supply locations, introduction of pilfer proof locking device etc.